

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new section after paragraph [0007]:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0007.1] Figs. 1A-1C are sectional views of three embodiments of elliptical polarizers according to the invention.

Please add the following paragraph after paragraph [0027]:

[0027.1] Three of these exemplary elliptical polarizers according to the invention are depicted in Figs. 1A-1C. Fig. 1A depicts embodiment (2), in which the elliptical polarizer contains a polarizer 2, a tacky adhesive or adhesive layer 4, a stress blocking layer 6, and a liquid crystalline substance layer 8. One of the preferred embodiments, (7), is depicted in Fig. 1B. As shown, the elliptical polarizer further contains a transparent protective layer 10 on both sides of the liquid crystalline substance layer 8, as well as two stress blocking layers 6 sandwiching the transparent protective layers 10. Finally, Fig. 1C shows a second preferred embodiment (8). In this elliptical polarizer, there are transparent protective layers 10 between each pair of layers, such as between the adhesive layer 4 and the liquid crystalline layer 8 and between the liquid crystalline layer 8 and the stress blocking layer 6. This elliptical polarizer contains two liquid crystalline layers 8.